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Parking woes

Lalitha Mahal Grounds unavailable for devotees during Ashada Fridays

The 'Private Property' signboard installed at Lalitha Mahal Grounds.

Mysuru, June 14 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru District Administration is exploring alternative parking locations for devotees visiting Chamundi Hill during the upcoming sacred Ashada Friday celebrations, as private vehicles will not be allowed to ascend the Hill during the festival period.

The Ashada festivities this year begin with the first Friday celebrations on July 17, followed by other Fridays on July 24 and July 31. Sri Chamundeshwari Vardhanti Mahotsava will be held on Aug. 4, while the final Ashada Friday puja is scheduled for Aug. 7.

For several years, devotees parked their vehicles at Lalitha Mahal Grounds, from where Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority operated free KSRTC bus services to ferry pilgrims to Hilltop.

(See LALITHA MAHAL on page 7)

Mysurean booked for naxal activities

FIR in Bengaluru; ED alleges Rs. 92.55 crore cash withdrawal using 1,000 foreign debit cards

Bengaluru / Mysuru, June 14 (BLU & BCT)- The Kothanur Police under Bengaluru's Sampigehalli Sub-Division have registered an FIR against seven individuals, including a Mysuru resident and a US-based organisation, following a complaint by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The ED has alleged that foreign funds worth Rs. 92.55 crore were withdrawn through foreign bank debit cards and channelled into Naxal activities across several States.

The case was registered on a complaint filed by Sunil Kumar Sinhaar, Assistant Director of the ED in Delhi, under provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The accused have been booked for criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery and fabrication of documents.

Those named in the FIR are Jonathan S. Rajan of Bengaluru, Supreme Joy of Mysuru, Mika Mark, Ajith Varghese Mathai, Varghese Chacko of Chhattisgarh, Bablu Kurmi of Assam and the US-based organisation The Timothy Initiative (TTI).

(See NAXAL on page 7)

Inside Job!

Father files complaint against 23-year-old son for burglary

Mysuru, June 14 (PM&KS)- A 23-year-old youth has been booked for allegedly stealing gold ornaments from his own house in Kadakola village, Mysuru taluk under Mysuru South Police limits.

The accused, identified as C. Chandu, has been named in a case registered by Mysuru South Police based on a complaint lodged by his father, Chinnanka. Three of Chandu's friends, Kemparaju of Kadakola and Manoj and Rahul of Mysuru, have also been named in the case.

In his complaint, Chinnanka alleged that Chandu had fallen into bad company and had developed a habit of stealing money from the house.

He further stated that Chandu would pick quarrels whenever family members questioned him about the missing money.

According to the complaint, on June 3, Chandu, allegedly at the instigation of his three friends, stole a 25-gram gold chain and a six-gram gold ring worth about Rs. 4.30 lakh from an almirah in the house.

Chinnanka has urged Police to take legal action against the accused and recover the stolen jewellery. Mysuru South Police have registered a case and are investigating.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 14th June 2026

Jagadish Kumar takes charge as new KSRTC Mysuru Urban DC

Mysuru, June 14 (MTY&DM)- Senior official Jagadish Kumar took charge as the new Divisional Controller (DC) of KSRTC Mysuru Urban Division here recently.

Speaking at a meeting of KSRTC officials after taking charge, Jagadish Kumar said that measures will be taken for keeping the buses in good condition and to ensure passenger safety.

Stressing on the need for maintaining trips as per schedules, he said that as per a Government order, buses aged over 15 years are to be scrapped. Till then buses should be maintained in proper condition and timely repairs should be undertaken, he noted.

Stating that the Division is expecting addition of more new buses by the end of this month, he said that six new BIS-6 buses have arrived, of which four have been allotted to Nanjangud depot and two to Sathagalli depot.

He also directed the officials to focus on passenger safety and comfort, as it is the motto of KSRTC services.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

AI IN EDUCATION - THE DEBATE INDIA IS NOT HAVING: ***Conversations in many households, especially across urban India, now go something like this: my child used ChatGPT to write an essay. My daughter asked an AI bot to solve her physics problem. My son no longer knows how to sit with a difficult question; he just prompts his way out of it.***

Is this generation losing something essential? Is AI making our children intellectually dependent or lazy, capping their mental growth?

It is a legitimate concern and it deserves a serious answer. But before we answer it, we need to name something uncomfortable: this is a conversation about a very specific child. It focuses on the child with a decent school and enough educational surplus that the question of whether they are becoming too dependent on AI can even be raised. It is a conversation about, at most, 20% of India's school-going population.

For the remaining 250 million children enrolled in government schools across the country, many in districts that appear on no one's priority list — the AI debate looks entirely different. Their problem is not that AI is answering too many questions. Their problem is that no one is.

So, is AI making our children dumb? In specific contexts, the risk of over-reliance deserves attention. The answer lies in pedagogy: teaching young people to think alongside AI tools and know when to reason through a problem themselves.

But that is a second-order problem. The first-order problem that should genuinely keep us up at night is the child whose question goes unanswered because the classroom has seventy students and one teacher. For that child, AI is not a threat to deep thinking; it is the first real invitation to think at all.

Teaching children to use AI is important. But using AI to teach children — extending patient, personalised instruction into every home where a child sits alone with a textbook — is not merely a technology conversation. That is a question of equity and we have been far too slow to ask it.

—Rohit K. Garg in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Freedom Ship: The mile-long floating city

New York: Freedom Cruise Line International recently announced plans to build the Freedom Ship, a floating city so large that it could never dock in any existing port.

The concept of a floating city was originally proposed in the 1990s by American engineer Norman Nixon, but no one ever really attempted to build one. Blueprints for Nixon's original ship were dusted off several times over the last three decades, but it never progressed beyond the discussion phase. Now, a cruise line company claims the demand for a Freedom Ship is so strong that it "could almost justify building three ships!"

The 800ft-wide and 30-deck-high Freedom Ship could carry up to 50,000 permanent residents, as well as 10,000 visitors, all catered to by 20,000 members of staff. That's about eight times more people than the total capacity of the world's largest cruise ship.

"We feel very confident that we can put this together, but the capitalisation is key," Roger Gooch, Chief Executive of Freedom Cruise Line International said.

'Resurrection Plant' has survival mechanism

Moscow: Selaginella lepidophylla, aka the resurrection plant, is capable of surviving extreme desiccation, drying up almost completely, only to come back to life when water becomes available.

S. lepidophylla is renowned for its ability to survive extreme desiccation in Mexico's Chihuahuan Desert, sometimes for several years, only to resume normal metabolic activity upon rehydration. Within hours of being exposed to moisture, S. lepidophylla begins to unfurl, eventually regaining its vibrant green colour and resuming the photosynthesis process.

Often described as a botanical marvel, the resurrecting plant can come back to life after years of hibernation, during which time all its metabolic processes are reduced to a minimum.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Not Every Change is "Just Hormones"

Persistent fatigue, mood swings, weight changes, or sleep disturbances may be worth discussing with your doctor. Your body is always communicating.

By Dr. Amulya K G - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Canara Bank opens new branch at Bogadi

Mysuru, June 14- Canara Bank Chief General Manager Arun Kumar Mishra inaugurated the bank's new branch at Bogadi in city recently.

Speaking on the occasion, the Bank's Deputy General Manager and Regional Head Manoj Kumar Raman assured the bank customers of maintaining customer-friendly service and delivering quicker and quality banking services. He appealed Bogadi residents to open accounts and avail the benefits and a host of facilities extended by the bank.

AGM Sheela Gautham, DM Lakhan Pratap Singh, Branch Manager Karthik and S.A. Roopashri were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
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Today's level **81.34 feet**	Today's level **2,252.82 feet**	Today's level **2,824.68 feet**
Last year's level **108.92 feet**	Last year's level **2,276.48 feet**	Last year's level **2,851.95 feet**
Yesterday's level **81.32 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,252.69 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,824.38 feet**
Today's Inflow **634 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,114 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **400 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **436 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **600 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The platypus (Ornithorhynchus anatinus) is a semi-aquatic, egg-laying mammal endemic exclusively to eastern Australia and Tasmania. There are no wild populations in India, nor are they native to any other part of the world.***
- ***Native to eastern Australia, the platypus is one of the world's most unique mammals.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Chiku: *What is your qualification?*
Sonu: *MBBS*
Chiku: *Wow... You are a doctor?*
Sonu: *No, Member of Back Bencher Students.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 95.11**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 127.53**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 25.91**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 110.03**

VOICE OF THE READER

Clear cluttered footpath on New Kalidasa Road

Sir,

The picture shows food carts on one side and patrons' vehicles parked on either side of New Kalidasa Road in Vijayanagar 1st Stage. Over the past year, street food carts have steadily taken over the stretch of New Kalidasa Road from De.Ja.Gow Circle to General K.S. Thimayya Road intersection in Vijayanagar 1st Stage.

On a recent count, as many as 37 carts were operating along this 700-metre stretch! Most are concentrated between De.Ja.Gow Circle and Kangaroo Care Hospital. While the carts themselves occupy the footpath, their patrons spill onto the road shoulders, leaving very little space for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Pedestrians are forced onto the carriageway, while cyclists and two-wheeler riders are left navigating dangerously through congested traffic. What was once a wide and accessible road has effectively shrunk to less than half its usable width.

The situation is especially difficult near De.Ja.Gow Circle, where traffic snarls have now become a daily occurrence. I request that MCC clear the illegal occupation of footpaths and restore safe access to road users before a serious accident occurs.

—Harsha N. Hegde
Mysuru
9.6.2026

Mysore Airport to celebrate *Yatri Suvidha Diwas* tomorrow

Mysuru, June 14 (BCT)- The Airports Authority of India (AAI), Mysore Airport, will celebrate *'Yatri Suvidha Diwas'* tomorrow (June 15) with a series of passenger-centric programmes, cultural events and community outreach activities aimed at enhancing travel experience and promoting public engagement.

The main event will be held at the Airport terminal premises from 2 pm. Chamundeshwari MLA and Alternate Chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee G.T. Devegowda will inaugurate the celebrations. As part of the programme, arriving passengers will be accorded a traditional Mysuru welcome with *tika,* flowers, Mysore Shawl and Mysore Pak.

Handmade greeting cards, seed balls and tourism brochures will also be distributed. Traditional Mysuru's tourism mascots 'Ammu' and 'Gajju' will interact with passengers, while retail and food outlets at the Airport will offer special discounts.

The celebrations will feature cultural performances showcasing Karnataka's heritage, including Bharatanatyam, Dollu Kunita and Nadaswara recitals. School students will also present group dance performances. Quiz competitions and solo singing events have been planned to engage passengers at the terminal.

Fire-fighting equipment display

A fire-fighting equipment display and awareness programme will be organised for students and visitors. Free health check-up camps, including blood pressure, blood sugar and BMI screening, will be conducted with support from JSS Hospital, while Agarwal Eye Hospital will hold an eye screening camp.

As part of the event, Safai Karmacharis maintaining the Airport premises will be felicitated for their service. Women personnel associated with the Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF) and frontline airline operations will also be recognised.

In the run-up to *Yatri Suvidha Diwas*, Airport conducted several outreach programmes, including career guidance sessions for students, familiarisation visits to airport facilities and aviation-themed painting contests.

An eco-drive and herbal plantation programme was also organised recently in association with District Forest Dept. and Govt. Ayurveda Medical College and Research Institute. A herbal garden was inaugurated at the Airport as part of the initiative.

AeroIgnite 2026: National-level Aero-modelling Contest held

Mysuru, June 14- JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, successfully organised AeroIgnite 2026, a three-day National-level Aero-modelling Competition, marking the first event of its kind in the Mysuru region.

Hosted by AeroJC, a student-led Aero-modelling Club of Department of Mechanical Engineering, SJCE, the competition brought together 23 enthusiastic teams from engineering institutions across the country, each showcasing completely student-built fixed-wing RC aircraft.

The event commenced on June 3 with registration, participant briefing and technical compliance verification. The formal inauguration was held on June 4, with Amith Byrappa, Senior Manager - API Management and Data Governance, Collins Aerospace, Bengaluru, as the chief guest. The inaugural function was presided over by Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU, in the presence of Dr. C. Nataraju, Principal (I/C), SJCE and Dr. G. Mallesh, Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering.

On the occasion, 10th year anniversary newsletter of Aero-JC Student Club was released by the dignitaries.

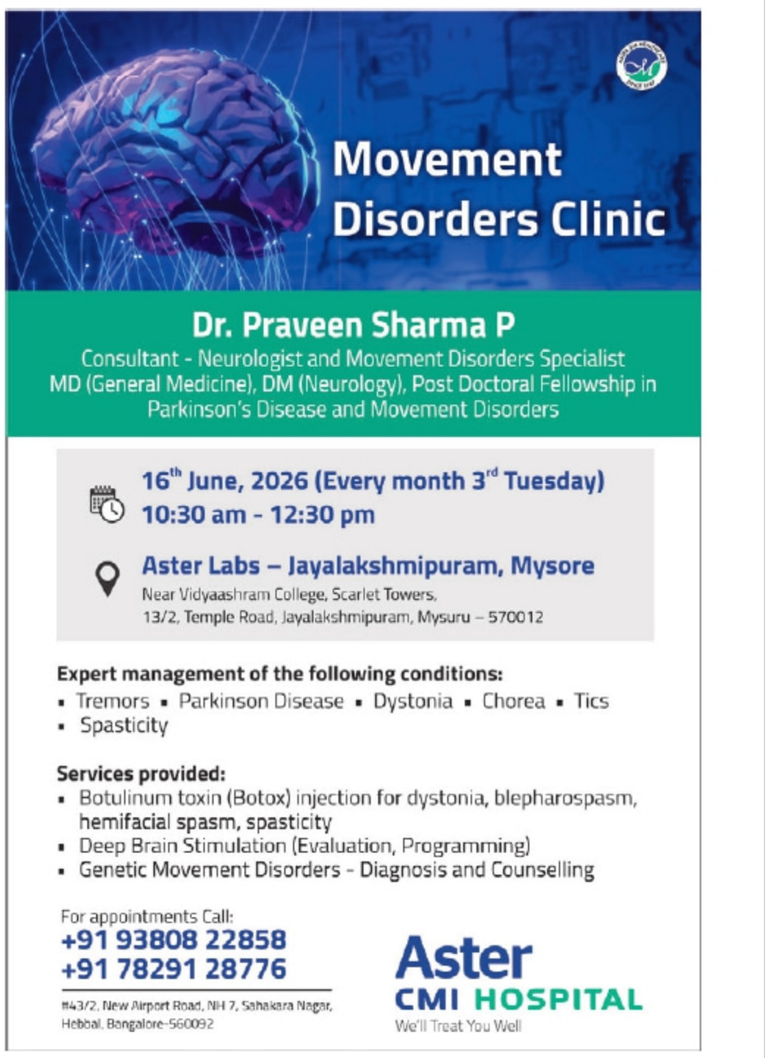
Later, the much-awaited flying rounds were held on June 5 at the KSCA Cricket Ground, JSS STU Campus, where teams competed in a challenging mission involving the precise dropping of golf balls into a designated 5 m x 5 m target area.

All aircraft underwent rigorous technical inspections before flying rounds and safety checks before flight operations. A certified licensed pilot operated the aircraft during the competition, while a dedicated Emergency Response Team (ERT) and safety personnel ensured the highest standards of operational safety throughout the event.

Team Dhanush from Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, which secured first place in the AeroIgnite 2026, a National-level Aero-modelling Competition held in city recently, is seen receiving the prize from the guests during the valedictory.

Team Dhanush from Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology secured first place and won a cash prize of Rs. 15, 000. Team AeroMIT from Manipal Institute of Technology claimed the second prize along with a cash award of Rs. 10,000 while Team Aero Veloce from RV College of Engineering finished third and received a cash prize of Rs. 5,000. Participation certificates were distributed to all participants in recognition of their efforts and achievements.

Valedictory and prize distribution ceremony was presided by JSS STU VC Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar. SJCE Principal (I/C) Dr. C. Nataraju, HoD (In-charge) Dr. T. Manjunatha, Department of Mechanical Engineering Professor Dr. R. Ravishankar and Assistant Registrar of Examination Prof. M.S. Abhinandan distributed prizes to winners.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NEWS BRIEFS

Yoga day competition

On the occasion of International Day of Yoga, Vivekananda Kendra, Mysuru, has organised quiz competition related to yoga and drawing competition (topic Logo of Yoga Day) for students from 5th standard to degree on June 20 at Vivekananda Kendra, # 2830, 1st Main, Jayanagar, Mysuru. For details, contact Mob: 94494-88228, according to press release.

Last date extended

Adarsha Seva Sangha, Mysuru, has extended the last date for submitting application for Prathiba Puraskar for children of Sangha members till June 30. Students who have secured 90% and above in SSLC, 2nd PUC or final year diploma and distinction marks in undergraduate and postgraduate examinations held during 2026 are eligible to apply. Students should having secured the marks in first attempt are eligible to apply. Applications can be obtained between 5 pm and 6 pm on all days except for Sundays from the Sangha office, No. 2, Block 27, Madhuvana Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage. For details, call Mob: 91874-69464, 94801-66274, 74111-93216 or 98456-76773, according to a press release.

Half-price sale

Various select periodicals for the period April 2025 and March 2026 available at City Central Library and other branches across the city will be sold at half-price from June 12 and June 30. Interested parties can contact nearest libraries. For more information, citizens can meet the concerned Library officials during office time and obtain receipt for the purchased periodicals, according to a press release.

Obituary

Bhagya

Mysuru, June 14- Bhagya (68), a resident of Bogadi 2nd Stage, behind Nirmiti Kendra bus stop, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband retired History Professor of Maharaja's College and President of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage Geleyara Balaga Co-op Society Dr. Vasanth and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gokulam Burial Grounds this noon.

Road to mishap...

MCC and CESC compete with each other to leave roads dug up and untarred; residents fear accidents as monsoon sets in

Mysuru, June 14 (MK&BS) - Is Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited, competing with each other, by digging trenches at their own will and leaving it without a patch of tar, only to wait for a mishap to happen.

This strange doubt may definitely trigger in one' s mind, given the haphazard manner in which, most of the neatly asphalted city roads are found replete with trenches dug up for civil works, but left with a cover of mud, to gradually develop a pothole, risking the taxpayers lives.

The monsoon has arrived, with Mysuru city waiting its share of downpour, but MCC and CESC lack any common sense about how the tragedies unfold on city roads, if the surface remains uneven. Take a round of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), Narayana Shastry-Dhanvantri Road Junction, Jodi Tenginamara Road in Bannimantap, Yadavagiri Circle, Paduvarahalli, Ambarish Road, Kalidasa Road, Gokulam Main Road and Dr. Sudha Murty Road to name a few. These roads have been bearing the brunt of pick-axes and drilling machines, with the horizontally dug roads to lay power cables by CESC.

A week ago, when the city received pre-monsoon rains, the storm water accumulated in the potholes, forcing motorists to wade through water logged roads, albeit with a caution. At some places, the rainy situation disrupted free traffic movement.

Over a year ago, under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme, MCC took up works to lay water pipes to overhaul drinking water network. Yet again, under AMRUT 2.0, works have been taken up, with huge concrete pipes dumped in various parts of the city.

Cops do civic duty

V.V. Puram Traffic Police fix a huge pothole at RUB near Metagalli Outer Ring Road

Mysuru, June 14 (GA&BS)- V.V. Puram Traffic Police in the city have come under praise for stepping into the shoes of civic officials, for the good of road users. They have temporarily fixed a huge pothole at Road Under Bridge (RUB) on the newly built service road connecting Metagalli Outer Ring Road (ORR) near Hotel Royal Inn Junction in city.

Following the works on building the RUB, the road below had developed a gap at a place, gradually resulting in the pothole. While the works on RUB are partially completed, the vehicular traffic is moving as usual. As a precaution, the Police filled the pothole with debris, to enable smooth traffic movement.

ACP (Traffic) Shivashankar said, the Police Department has already written to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), State Highways and the local bodies concerned. However, response of the competent authorities is timid. Hence, the Police have resorted to temporary measure, despite not getting any grants for carrying out the works.

Of late, social media has become a powerful medium of communication, with some using the same to highlight civic issues.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police personnel filling the large pothole with debris, at Railway Underbridge (RUB), near Metagalli Outer Ring Road (ORR) junction in city.

Anything related to basic infrastructural facilities like road, streetlights, drinking water to name a few, they are captured both in photo and video formats and posted on social media, tagging the link to DGP and IGP, Municipal Commissioners and other competent authorities. Waking up to the situation, higher authorities are passing down instructions to their juniors, with the Police personnel too not spared from getting into action.

Though it is the primary duty of City Corporations and Urban Local Bodies to lay a road, including its maintenance, the Police have been stepping in, in the interest of people.

It has become common to spot such potholes on various roads, with the roads being dug up to lay electric cables by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited and direct to home piped natural gas project. With monsoon entering the district, the situation may aggravate, whenever the rainwater accumulates in the potholes, catching the vehicle riders off guard, ending up in fatal or non-fatal accidents.

Fresh survey soon for street vendor ID cards

Mysuru, June 14 (BCT)- Karnataka Legislature's Subordinate Legislation Committee Chairman and MLA S.R. Srinivas interacted with street vendors near Dufferin Clock Tower and assured them of steps to address their concerns.

Speaking to the media after the interaction recently, Srinivas said the Committee was reviewing the issues faced by street vendors and had directed the MCC to take measures to protect their interests.

On the delay in issuing vendor identification cards, Srinivas said a fresh tender had been floated to conduct the survey, as the agency previously assigned the task had failed to complete the work properly. He directed the MCC Commissioner to ensure that all eligible vendors receive their identity cards.

"The Government provides financial assistance and facilities, but how vendors utilise them to improve their businesses is their choice. Our responsibility is to ensure that basic facilities reach everyone. If there are gaps, a transparent system will be put in place to ensure that benefits reach all eligible beneficiaries," Srinivas said.

He added that a meeting with officials would be convened soon to streamline the identification process and ensure greater transparency in the distribution of Government benefits.

Sewage inflow threatens eco-sensitive Karanji Lake

Mysuru, June 14 (VVH&BCT)- Mysuru's famed Karanji Lake, once renowned for its pristine waters, rich greenery and thriving birdlife, is facing a serious ecological threat as unchecked sewage inflow continues to pollute the waterbody.

What was once considered one of the city's most treasured tourist attractions and biodiversity hotspots is increasingly turning into a sewage reservoir, triggering concern among environmentalists, birdwatchers and local residents.

Spread across nearly 90 acres adjacent to Mysuru Zoo on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road, Karanji Lake has been receiving untreated sewage and underground drainage (UGD) water through Siddarthanagar stormwater drain for several years.

The continuous inflow of contaminated water has significantly deteriorated the lake's water quality, posing a threat to aquatic life and the diverse species that depend on the ecosystem.

Stormwater mixes with sewage

The situation has worsened with the onset of recent rains, as stormwater mixes with sewage before flowing directly into the lake. Large portions of the waterbody are now covered with polluted, foul-smelling water.

Efforts to treat the sewage before it enters the lake have yielded little success. Treatment units installed at the canal's entry point are reportedly functioning ineffectively, filtering little more than floating plastic waste.

During summer, when water levels recede, heaps of discarded liquor and plastic bottles become visible along the lakebed, highlighting the extent of pollution. Adding to the problem, overflowing manholes in surrounding localities continue to discharge contaminated water into the drainage network feeding lake.

Declining migratory birds

Karanji Lake has long been a paradise for bird enthusiasts, with more than 147 bird species recorded over the years, including Pelicans, Painted Storks, Open-billed Storks, Cormorants and Herons.

However, regular visitors and conservationists say migratory bird sightings have declined, while populations of other fauna such as butterflies, snakes and several wetland-dependent species are also under stress.

Environmentalists have termed the direct discharge of sewage into the lake both unscientific and environmentally damaging. They have urged authorities to immediately divert sewage away from the waterbody and implement a long-term restoration plan to revive the lake's ecological health.

"This problem has persisted for years. Earlier, we fought successfully to prevent sewage from entering the lake, but now the issue has resurfaced. Just as citizens have come together to save Kukkarahalli Lake, a similar movement is needed to protect and restore Karanji Lake," said Bhamy V. Shenoy, Founder, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP).

'MCC asked not to release UGD water'

"The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has been instructed not to release UGD water into Karanji Lake. The issue was brought to the notice of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. During his visit to the lake on World Environment Day, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar also assured us that the problem would be resolved at the earliest. We have repeatedly raised the matter with the District Administration and even the Deputy Commissioner has assured action. However, no concrete steps have been taken so far."

—K. Rangaswamy, Chairman, Zoo Authority of Karnataka

"MLA T.S. Srivatsa recently visited the site, collected information and informed the Corporation about the situation. Srivatsa inspected the lake again and assured us that a permanent solution would be found at the earliest."

—P. Anusha, Executive Director, Mysuru Zoo

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

The Joy & Pain, of checking your Blood Pressure!

The title of this article should actually have been **'My' joy and pain of checking 'Your' blood pressure,** because as a practicing doctor, half the joy and pain I'm talking about here, is mine too. But let's talk about yours first.

There was a time until not very long ago, when things were pretty simple, straightforward, uncluttered and un-worrisome, if I may use this neologism or new word that I have created. I am talking of the days when your blood pressure (BP) used to be checked only at your doctor's clinic or consulting room, only if you happened to go there for some reason.

And, it used to be checked at least two times a day, only if you were admitted to a hospital for a more serious reason.

That meant that your blood pressure would never be checked, maybe even once in your lifetime, if you were one of those rare, unusually healthy blokes, who never had any reason to see a doctor. But times have changed and those good old days are now long gone, along with almost all such lucky people, thanks to the vastly changed lifestyles, that every one of us is now leading.

It is a different matter that sometimes, even without getting it checked, there are times when you might be told by people around you, that your blood pressure might be dangerously high and therefore you would do well to get it checked. These are usually ordinary people without any kind of medical knowledge, who when they happen to see you getting irritated and worked up frequently for trivial reasons, attribute your short-tempered behaviour to high blood pressure.

But, mind you, they may be dead right, in a different kind of way! It is worthwhile to understand that although high blood pressure may not manifest itself through aggressive and short-tempered behaviour, this kind of a fiery temperament can certainly give you dangerously high blood pressure, much sooner than your genes or destiny can. So, it certainly makes sense to make a conscious effort to cultivate the habit of remaining calm and cool, despite frequent provocations from those around you, in the interest of keeping yourself safe and healthy.

Although this may seem rather difficult, it is certainly much easier than preventing the people around you from irritating you. You must understand and accept the fact that there's just no way you or anyone can do it.

Although now, most of us do get our BP checked now and then, to see what the pressures of our lives are doing to it, thankfully, most of us do not make a fetish of it.

But over the recent years, especially after inexpensive, easy to use electronic, personal blood pressure monitoring devices have become available, most people now have them in their homes. And, that is where the problem begins.

After fiddling and playing around with them for a few days, most people invariably begin to notice that no two of their BP readings are the same. Very soon, this variation which might actually be very slight, becomes a cause of concern for them, because they cannot understand why their BP has to vary in the first place, although the scientific truth is that our blood pressure is a very dynamic element that is never constant, even in our sleep, let alone when we are up and about.

They first think that something is wrong with their devices and so people begin to cross check with the devices of their friends. Some even go to the extent of buying a second device and then get into the habit of always recording their BP with both the devices and deducing the average pressure.

Some others go a step further and record their BP in both their arms simultaneously with two devices, which only takes their panic a step higher, because what they do not know is that it is perfectly natural and normal for the BP to be slightly different in our two arms, for some anatomical reasons, which I'll not go into here.

A few others start checking their BP at different times of the day and even after exposure to different situations and foods in their daily activities.

But these differing readings from time to time and device to device and arm to arm and situation to situation, can generate a very high state of anxiety and even panic in many people who are overly worried about their health.

And, as doctor, I see it happening and in action, almost every day. Now people walk into my consulting room not just with their lab reports and medical records but also with long, painstakingly noted BP readings, with the time of the day written next to them. These lists are naturally very long because most of these sufferers from this new malady of anxiety, record their BP multiple times in a day, over all the days between their two consultations.

Now, with the arrival of the smart watch era, even presumably smart people have gone a step further, sadly, in a completely wrong direction. They keep checking their BP and pulse rate more often than they check time and even keep reminder alarms to do this. And, naturally, instead of leading happy lives with their families and friends, they keep wondering all the time, whether they are living or dying!

I decided that I should write an article about this modern-day pandemic when a senior bank manager, who was otherwise in perfect health, without the need for absolutely any kind of medication, walked into my clinic yesterday, with what I thought was his annual bank statement. But what he handed to me was not a bank statement but a long list of his BP readings, which he had painstakingly jotted down over the past six months.

During this period, he had seen many other doctors, who had all reassured him that there was nothing wrong with his health, a reassurance his tortured mind refused to accept, because it expected the physical evidence in his hand to be in as perfect a state, as what all the doctors said the state of his health was in! His mind had become so browbeaten by now that it did not understand that the perfection it was expecting was a biological impossibility, completely unlike any bank statements that he had worked with, all his working life. A really tragic situation indeed!

I decided to help him overcome his suffering and asked him to wait a while and see me again after all my patients had gone. And, during this waiting period, I asked him to get half a dozen BP readings done by my receptionist, every five minutes, while he was seated still, in one place. When he came into my consulting room after I was done with all the other patients, I told him that the only time to act was when a qualified doctor told him that he had high blood pressure and he needed to be treated for it.

Then, in his presence, while seated still, in my own chair, I kept the monitor before him and started recording my own BP every three minutes, for a few minutes and showed him the results. When he saw that no two readings were the same, even in my case, he seemed to be convinced that what he had been told by all the doctors was indeed true and smiled at me sheepishly. To convert his slight acceptance into firm conviction, I decided to play the trump card. So, I declined to accept any payment from him, saying that I took my fee only from treating really sick people and not from just talking to perfectly healthy ones.

Money really talks, especially to a man who talks money all the time and that certainly did the trick! He went back, a tearfully happy man, profusely thanking me for my patience, time and principles too. **I hope he and every one of us, stay that way, all our lives!**

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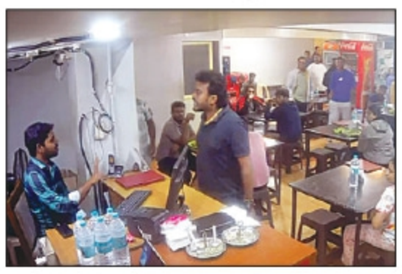
Man threatens hotel staff for not giving mayonnaise to non-veg dish



Mysuru, June 14 (BLU&KS)- A man allegedly threatened the staff of a hotel for not providing mayonnaise to tandoori chicken parcel and the incident has been captured on the CCTV camera installed in the hotel.

The incident took place at a non-vegetarian hotel, near the water tank in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage on June 11. The accused has been identified as Srinivas, Proprietor of Dum Biriyani Hotel, near the water tank at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage.

On June 11 night, Srinivas, who went to a Donne Biriyani Hotel close to his hotel as his hotel was closed and took tandoori chicken parcel, paid for it and went away.

After some time, he returned and picked up a fight with the hotel staff for not giving mayonnaise to tandoori chicken parcel.

When the staff said that mayonnaise will not be provided to parcels, Srinivas allegedly threatened the staff and abused them using foul language. The entire incident has been captured in the CCTV at the hotel.

Based on the complaint from Donne Biriyani Hotel Proprietor Chethan, Vijayanagar Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Youth with 2.48-kg ganja arrested

Mysuru, June 14 (PM&KS)- Vijayanagar Police have arrested a youth who was carrying 2.48-kg ganja worth Rs. 2 lakh in a bag. The Police have seized the narcotic substance, Rs. 3,000 cash and two mobile phones from him.

The arrested youth has been identified as 23-year-old V. Vishwas, a resident of Hebbal 1st Stage in city.

Following a tip off, Vijayanagar Sub-Inspector Jaikeerthi and team, raided the spot on High Tension Double Road in Vijayanagar 4th Stage on June 9, during which, Vishwas, who was sitting with a college bag strapped on his back, saw the Police and tried to flee but was nabbed by the Police.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have told the Cops that he had brought ganja to sell, following which the Police arrested him and registered a case. The accused has been remanded to Judicial Custody.

Nature lovers join 'Kukkarahalli Kere Walk'

Mysuru, June 14 (BCT)- Over 40 participants from across age groups, including 95-year-old H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana and two four-year-old children, took part in a 'Lake Walk at Kukkarahalli Kere' organised this morning as part of the ongoing 'Parisara Habba' celebrations.

The walk began at 7.30 am and was led by environmentalist, wetland expert and educator Prof. U.N. Ravikumar, who guided participants through the ecological and historical significance of the Kukkarahalli Lake.

During the walk, Prof. Ravikumar spoke about lake's history, its biodiversity, the bird species that depend on the ecosystem and the challenges involved in conserving the waterbody.

Participants were introduced to the importance of the five-metre transition zone between the water and the shoreline, considered one of the most biodiverse parts of the lake ecosystem. They learnt how this narrow stretch supports a variety of plants, insects, birds and aquatic life. The group also observed root systems along the shoreline, identified invasive species affecting the ecosystem and discussed the need to balance development with environmental conservation.

The event drew participation from people across generations, providing an opportunity to better understand the lake and its ecological importance.

The walk concluded with participants expressing appreciation for the lake and the need to preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Mysurean booked for naxal activities

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Debit card withdrawals

According to the complaint, the accused obtained debit cards linked to foreign bank accounts and withdrew Rs. 92.55 crore from ATMs across India between April 2025 and 2026, allegedly in violation of provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

The ED has further claimed that nearly Rs. 44 crore was withdrawn across Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Assam and other States between 2024 and 2026.

According to preliminary findings, several suspicious cash transactions were traced to Naxal-affected areas, particularly in Chhattisgarh. Investigators are examining whether the withdrawn funds were used to support activities linked to extremist networks or radical left-wing ideologies operating in these regions.

The investigation began after Mika Mark was detained at Bengaluru Airport, where officials recovered 24 foreign debit cards from his possession. Given indications of foreign funding, the case could be handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The ED alleges that Mark oversaw the financial operations of Timothy Initiative India. Jonathan S. Rajan, the first accused, has been identified as the head of TTI's India operations.

Beyond regulations

According to the FIR, more than 1,000 foreign debit cards linked to a US bank account were used to withdraw cash. Investigators claim the cards were issued in the name of a fictitious individual, Santhosh Kumar and distributed across the country to facilitate cash withdrawals.

The agency has also alleged that a portion of the funds may have been utilised in Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected regions. Authorities suspect the debit card network was used to move and distribute foreign funds outside the regulated banking system.

Ajith Varghese Mathai, named as third accused, was allegedly handling TTI's finances in India through registered firms and multiple shell entities. Officials said Rs. 37 lakh was seized from him during investigation.

Parking woes: Lalitha Mahal Grounds unavailable during Ashada Fridays

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Private property

However, the erstwhile Mysore royal family of Mysore has fenced the open grounds in front of the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, asserting ownership of the land and installing signboards declaring it as private property. The move has effectively ruled out the use of the Lalitha Mahal Grounds for festival-related parking and transport arrangements.

Traditionally, during Ashada Fridays, thousands of devotees gather at Chamundi Hill. The administration has relied on the Lalitha Mahal Grounds both for parking devotees' vehicles and operating free shuttle bus services to the temple.

With that option no longer available, officials are now searching for suitable alternatives. Preliminary discussions have identified Maharaja's College Grounds and Scouts and Guides Grounds as possible locations for vehicle parking and bus operations. Officials believe both venues have sufficient space to accommodate large numbers of vehicles and support the transport arrangements required during the festival.

A meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner will finalise arrangements, including crowd management, parking facilities, transport services and other festival logistics. "No decision has been taken yet. Discussions are still on," said M.J. Roopa, Secretary of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority.

No arrests made yet: Sampigehalli ACP

Bengaluru/Mysuru, June 14 (BLU&BCT)- Assistant Commissioner of Police Chandan Kumar of Sampigehalli Division told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had filed a complaint, based on which an FIR was registered at Kothanur Police Station.

Chandan Kumar

The ED has sought supporting documents to take the investigation forward. "Once the documents are received, the inquiry will begin, including efforts to trace links with other individuals," he said.

The ACP clarified that while an FIR has been registered, further progress depends on the submission of documents. No arrests have been made so far and details such as bank records and personal information of those named in the case are yet to be obtained, he added.

Turtle with shattered shell treated, released into Kapila

Mysuru, June 14 (BCT)- A turtle that suffered severe injuries during canal excavation work near Mallupur village in Nanjangud Taluk was successfully treated and released into the Kapila River after a week-long rescue and rehabilitation effort. The turtle was seriously injured when an excavator bucket struck it during canal works, shattering its upper shell. According to those involved in the rescue, some residents attempted to take away the injured reptile, reportedly for consumption.

BEFORE: ***Turtle with injuries.***

AFTER: ***Turtle after treatment.***

Yuva Brigade member Ravi Shastri intervened and rescued the turtle. He then contacted his friend Chandrashekar, sharing photographs of the injured animal and seeking assistance.

Veterinarians initially expressed doubts about the turtle's chances of survival as its shell had split into two. However, Chandrashekar undertook efforts to save it. Using a small drilling machine, he made holes along the broken edges of the shell and secured them with rust-resistant wire. The damaged shell fragments were then reinforced with a wire mesh and covered with a sealant to create a protective outer layer.

The turtle was kept under observation in a water tank for five days. Initially unable to move properly, it gradually recovered, began swimming and resumed feeding. The artificial shell support remained intact throughout the rehabilitation period. After signs of complete recovery, the turtle was released into the Kapila River. On being released, it swam away, much to the delight of those who had gathered to witness the moment.

KIADB for realtors, not for industries: Ex-MP Simha

Mysuru, June 14 (SPN&BS)- Former MP Prathap Simha alleged that the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) has shifted its focus from promoting industries to catering largely to real estate interests.

He was speaking after presenting the 'Rotary Midtown Circuitronica Startup Award' to Pravithlal Panniyodan of LeePra Technologies Private Limited at a programme organised by Rotary Midtown in association with Circuitronica at the Ideal Jawa Rotary Auditorium on JLB Road here recently.

If KIADB revises its policies and provides basic infrastructure, including industrial sites at affordable rates, unemployment can be addressed to some extent, he said.

Simha said, nature of warfare across the world was changing, with countries such as China using technology to influence global economies, while the United States leveraged indigenous technology to regulate other nations. India, he said, must also move in that direction by strengthening technology-driven growth.

"Mysuru has more than seven engineering colleges, producing hundreds of graduates every year. However, the city does not have enough entrepreneurs to guide these young engineers or provide them with opportunities. There is a lack of platforms to encourage fresh graduates to establish startups," he said.

Recalling his tenure as an MP, Simha said, he had a vision for the city's development focused on promoting entrepreneurship and creating employment opportunities. He stressed the need to encourage eco-friendly economic activities through coordination among various Government departments.

Calling for better coordination between elected representatives and Government officials, Simha said, both should work together to create a favourable industrial environment.

He also urged political parties to collectively work towards reducing the pressure on Bengaluru by encouraging industries in neighbouring districts and promoting balanced regional development.

'Rotary Midtown Circuitronica Startup Award' presented to entrepreneur Pravithlal Panniyodan

Pravithlal Panniyodan of LeePra Technologies Private Limited, who was conferred with 'Rotary Midtown Circuitronica Startup Award' at a programme organised by Rotary Midtown in association with Circuitronica, at Ideal Jawa Rotary Auditorium in city recently, is seen with former MP Prathap Simha and others.

New Income Tax Act to simplify compliance, clarifies official

Mysuru, June 14 (VVH&BCT)- The forthcoming Income Tax Act, 2025, which is set to replace the decades-old Income Tax Act of 1961, has been designed to be simpler, more transparent and more taxpayer-friendly, according to Range-1 Additional Commissioner of Income Tax Kalpalatha Rajan.

Speaking at a seminar on 'Income Tax and Compliance in the Real Estate Sector under the New Act,' jointly organised by the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI), Mysuru and the Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru, at MBCT auditorium in city recently, Kalpalatha Rajan outlined the key reforms proposed under the new legislation.

She said that the 1961 Act had been amended hundreds of times over the decades, often resulting in confusion and avoidable litigation. The new law, she explained, aims to address these concerns by improving tax certainty and enabling easier digital compliance.

Old Act lacked clarity

Kalpalatha Rajan also highlighted that the real estate and construction sector plays a crucial role in India's infrastructure growth. However, she noted that the sector faces structural challenges, including long gestation periods, complex project cycles of 5-7 years and difficulties in revenue recognition.

"The old Act lacked clarity on these aspects, but the new law addresses them directly," she said.

Ahead of its rollout, the Income Tax Department has launched a nationwide awareness campaign titled 'Prarambh-2026.'

Under this initiative, officials are engaging directly with stakeholders across sectors such as manufacturing, services and real estate, moving beyond traditional office-based interactions.

To support taxpayers further, the Department has introduced 'Kar Setu,' a comprehensive information guide and 'Kar Saathi,' a 24x7 AI-powered chatbot. These digital platforms are intended to provide clarity on tax laws, rules and circulars.

Kalpalatha Rajan emphasised that the awareness programmes are designed to be interactive rather than one-sided.

"We are here not only to explain our policies and expectations but also to listen to the practical challenges faced by industry and take their suggestions on board," she said, urging open dialogue to resolve existing ambiguities and improve the system.

Later, Circle-1 Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax S. Venkateshan demonstrated the 'Kar Setu' and 'Kar Saathi' systems for real estate stakeholders.

The event was attended by Income Tax Department officials, including Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax (DCIT) R. Ranganathan, CREDAI Mysuru President M.S. Harish Shenoy, Secretary Nagaraj V. Bairy, BAI Mysuru President Prabhakar Rao and Secretary Praveen Pal.

Range-1 Additional Commissioner of Income Tax Kalpalatha Rajan inaugurating the seminar on 'Income Tax and Compliance in the Real Estate Sector under the New Act,' jointly organised by CREDAI, Mysuru & BAI Mysuru, at MBCT auditorium in city recently as others look on.

Majlees-e-Zikra Shadath Hussain celebrations from June 16

Mysuru, June 14 (KS)- Majlees-e-Zikra Shadath Hussain celebrations, organised as part of Moharam, will be held from June 16 to 26 at various Mosques in city during which lectures will be delivered daily.

Daily after Namaz-e-Fajr Salath (Dawn Prayer): Madeena Masjid at Muslim Block in Kyathamaranahalli; Masjid Raza at Ghousianagar; Masjid Rehamathiya at NGO Kareem Block in Shanthinagar; Mehamoodiya Masjid at Shanthinagar; Masjid Mushayiqin (Char Chowkey) at Rajivnagar and Masjid-Ya-Rasool Allaha at Rajivnagar 1st Stage.

Daily after Namaz-e-Maghrib Salath (Dusk Prayer): Masjid Bismilla at Bharath Nagar; Masjid Munawara at R.S. Naidu Nagar; Masjid Nazarbad; Khadriya Masjid at Nanjumalige; Masjid Gulnaz Ansari at Shanthinagar; Masjid Zubaida at Tanveer Sait Nagar; Jamiyathul Madeena Faizan Imam Sha Wali at B.T. Mill Layout; Masjid Sardar Khan at Ganjam in Srirangapatna; Masjid Khatoon Jainath at Belavatta; Masjid Hazarath Khwaja Garibun Nawaz at Nehru Nagar; Masjid-o-Madrasa, Madeenathul Munawara at N.R. Garden in Naidu Nagar; Masjid Shaik Abdul Khadar Jeelani at Shrinagar; Masjid Aala Hazarath at Rajivnagar; Masjid Khair-ul-Wara at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage; Zeenath-ul- Masjid (Masjid Nawab Saheb) on 100 Feet Road in Chamaraja Mohalla; Masjid Kubra-o-Husnain at B.M. Sri. Nagar; Masjid Moula Ali at Ghousianagar; Masjid Rehamaniya near Silk Factory in Mysore South; Masjid Moula Hussain at Sathyanagar; Masjid Hazarath Ameer Hamza at Shanthinagar; Masjid Hali Meamoon on Vinoba Road in Shivarampet; Masjid Aqsa near Fountain Circle; Masjid Jyothi Nagar; Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road; Masjid Eidgah on Mission Hospital Road and Masjid Dargahi on Sawday Road in Mandi Mohalla.

Daily after Namaz-e-Isha Salath (Night Prayer): Jamiya Masjid on Irwin Road; Jamiya Tippu Masjid Aala at Srirangapatna; Masjid Showdaul Badar (One Minaret) on Azeez Sait Double Road at Shanthinagar; Jamiya Masjid, Darul Uloom Azeezia at Mamballi; Masjid Syed Ahmed at S.A. Layout in Rajivnagar; Masjid Noor at Ghousianagar; Mecca Masjid at Rajivnagar; Masjid Yarub at Kalyanagiri; Masjid-ya-Mustafa at Udayagiri; Darga Shariff Hazarath Char Baras Key Peer near Tipu Circle; Madrasa Faiz-ul-Quran on K.T. Street in Sunni Chowk; Darul Uloom Raza Mustafa at Shanthinagar and Masjid Akhtar Raza at Ghousianagar.

For details, contact Hafeezu-Ila Shariff Khadree, Convener, Sarkar Mehaboob Subhani Foundation on Mob: 99012-70392, according to a press release.

7th Leg of Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour

Anvitha holds her nerve to win 2nd title

City's golfer Vidhatri Urs finishes joint fourth

Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) President H.S. Arun Kumar presenting the winners cheque to Anvitha Narender during the prize distribution ceremony held at JWGC in city yesterday. Seen in the picture are (from left) JWGC Committee Member M.A. Manjunath, Tournament Committee Chairman Phalguna V. Urs, Hon. Treasurer D. V. Sridhar, Captain M. S. Yeshwanth, Hon. Secretary K. S. Sudheer Bhat, Committee Members K.N. Mahadeva Swamy, M.S. Dinesh Kumar and Suresh Balaram. Picture right shows Anvitha Narender teeing-off at JWGC Golf Course.

Mysuru, June 14- Anvitha Narender stayed composed under pressure at the finish and then prevailed in a tense playoff to win her second title in the 7th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC), here yesterday.

The Bengaluru golfer showed great resilience to stage a back-nine recovery and then beat the seasoned Vani Kapoor in the second hole of the dramatic play-off.

Anvitha carded 1-under 69 as Vani charged up with a 6-under 64 and both were tied at 1 under 209. Anvitha birdied the second play-off hole to take the title.

Anvitha with a strong back nine found herself in the lead at the Par-5 18th tee in regulation play. A little earlier Vani had finished with a superb 6-under 64 round to set the target at an even par total of 210.

Anvitha needed just a par on the final hole but instead she dropped a shot and fell in a tie with Vani. Riya, playing in the final group, had bogeyed the 17th and needed a birdie to get into a play-off. She parred and finished at level par 210. In the first play-off hole on the Par-4 first, both Anvitha and Vani parred, leading to a second play-off hole, this time on the Par-4 fifth.

The momentum appeared to be with Vani after her stunning comeback, but Anvitha showed remarkable calm for a player still in the early stages of her professional career. After the first playoff hole failed to separate the two contenders, the battle moved to a second extra hole. Anvitha, who had parred the fifth hole in regulation, picked a decisive birdie to deny Vani a remarkable comeback win.

Vani, who had a birdie in regulation play managed only a par. That gave the 20-year-old Anvitha her second win on the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour. Her only previous success came in 2024.

Meanwhile, Riya Jadon ended sole third at 1-over, while, Mysuru's Vidhatri Urs finished joined fourth with a score of 212 along with Khushi Khanijau and Amandeep Drall.

Earlier, starting the day in a three-way lead with Riya Jadon and amateur Ananyaa Sood, Anvitha was unable to find any birdies on the front nine and gave away a bogey.

In contrast rookie Riya Jadon with two birdies and one bogey was 1-under for the front nine and took the lead. However, the star was Vani Kapoor, who with five birdies and one bogey played the stretch in 4-under and caught up with Anvitha. Riya, though she was in the lead at the turn, was unable to find momentum on the back nine and she bogeyed once without any birdies to finish at 1-over 211. Anvitha birdied the 10th, 12th and 13th and roared into contention taking the lead. Vani, too, birdied the 11th and the 16th, but Anvitha was still one ahead.

However, Anvitha bogeyed the 18th and dropped into a tie and was forced into a play-off, which she eventually won. Overnight co-leader Ananyaa Sood with two bogeys on the front nine fell back and was unable to make up on the back nine, where she had two more bogeys, a double bogey and just one birdie. She carded 75 and ended in a tie for seventh with Mannat Brar (70). Durga Nittur (74) was ninth.

A large group finished tied for 10th on 217, including Neha Tripathi, amateur Ceerat Kang, Ananya Garg and Anvvi Dahhiya. Kashika Misra and Tvesa Malik shared 14th place on 218. The result was a significant milestone in Anvitha's development and underlines her growing stature on the domestic circuit. For Vani, the tournament ended in disappointment despite producing the best round of the week.

3rd National Women Masters Athletics Championship

Mysuru women master athletes win 19 medals

B.C. Parvathi shines winning four gold medals in 70+ age category

Medal-winning women master athletes felicitated by Mysore Masters Athletes Association in city recently.

Mysuru, June 14 (SPN&VNS)- Mysuru women master athletes won a total of 19 medals in the recently held 3rd National Women Masters Athletics Championship at Goa.

In the 40+ age group, G. Punitha won gold in 4x100 mtr relay and bronze medals in high jump and 4x400 mts relay and Jayalakshmi Kollipara won bronze medal in 4x100 mts relay in the same age category. K.G. Sharmila won the bronze medal in the 40+ age group hammer throw.

K.A. Bhagirathi, taking part in the various competition held in 55+ age category, won gold in 100 mts and 200 mts sprint, silver in 400 mts run and silver in 4x100 mts relay. In the 70+ category, B.C. Parvathi won four gold medals in 800 mts and 1,500 mts run, 3K walk and 4x400 mts relay. Meanwhile, Vijaya Ramesh won silver in long jump and Manjamma won bronze medals in 100 mts sprint and Shot Put.

In the 75+ age category, H.M. Bharathi won gold in shot put and silver medals in discus throw and hammer throw.

The medal-winning master athletes were felicitated by Mysore District Masters Athletic Association President Sumana Narasimhamurthy in city recently. Secretary B. Basavaraju, Treasurer K.N. Somashekar, Executive Committee Members Somashekar, Rani B. Raj, Mahadevaiah, M. Yogendra, M.S. Mahesh, Parvathi Kantharaju, M.P. Chandrashekar, N. Vinayak, Basavaraju, Bala Ramegowda, Ravi, Sujatha and others were present.

Selected for U-16 basketball championship

Mysuru, June 14- **Renish Mathew,** a student of St. Roselo Central School, Srirampura, and a basketball player from city's KBC Club, has been selected to participate in State-level U-16 Boys Basketball Championship to be held in Bengaluru.

He has already represented Karnataka in Sub-Junior Basketball Championship, U-16 State-level Basketball Championship and U-18 State-level Basketball Championship. Renish is also a bronze medallist at the Karnataka State Mini Olympics.

WORD OF THE DAY

Hale

Pronunciation: HAIL (Adjective)
Meaning: Someone described as hale is in good and often exceptional health. Hale is commonly used in the phrase "hale and hearty."
Origin: English has two hale homographs: the adjective that is frequently paired with hearty to describe those healthy and strong, and the somewhat uncommon verb that has to do with literal or figurative hauling or pulling. (One can hale a boat onto shore, or hale a person into a courtroom with the aid of legal ramifications for resistance.) The verb comes from the Middle English halen (also the root of our word haul), but the adjective has a bifurcated origin, with two Middle English terms identified as sources: hale and hail. Both of those come from words meaning "healthy," the former from the Old English hāl, and the latter from the Old Norse heill. The Middle English hail is also the source of the three modern English words spelled as hail, the verb, interjection and noun that have to do with greeting.
Example: "Marilyn Monroe & Jane Russell star [film Gentlemen Prefer Blondes] as two vivacious all-American showgirls whose friendship is as fast as their attitudes to men are poles apart. Whereas Monroe's Lorelei Lee prizes wealth & devotion in a suitor, Russell's Dorothy Shaw is more inclined towards hale and hunky ..." —Robbie Collin, The Telegraph (UK), 2 May 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Haemathermal

Warm-blooded

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Method to my madness

Meaning: This funny phrase: 'method to my madness' means that there is often a reason behind someone's mysterious behaviour.
Origin: This phrase is based on a line from Shakespeare 's Hamlet, written in the year 1602.
Example: "At the start of his presentation, it seemed that he's out of his mind, but when he finished, we saw that there's method in his madness."

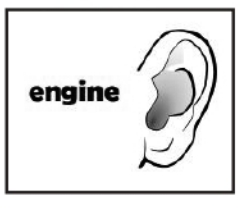
QUOTE BOX

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

—Oscar Wilde

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Engineer.

SUDOKU

			3	5	4			
	5	8	1		6	7	3	
7	1						4	2
	2	6				1	5	
9	4						7	8
	7	2	6		3	4	8	
			4	1	7			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	9	3	1	2	6	8	4
3	2	8	6	5	4	1	9	7
6	4	1	8	7	9	3	2	5
5	6	3	2	4	1	8	7	9
9	1	4	7	6	8	5	3	2
8	7	2	9	3	5	4	1	6
4	9	6	1	2	3	7	5	8
1	8	5	4	9	7	2	6	3
2	3	7	5	8	6	9	4	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 One Caribbean republic
5 U-turn from NNW
8 IIM grads.
12 "An or" anagram for a port in West Algeria
13 Unwell
14 "Is not" in a slang form - "anti" anagram
15 Chest muscles
16 Summons to appear in court
18 Tibetan animal
19 Apply brakes forcibly? (3,2)
20 Aussie tennis legend ___ Emerson
21 And others, in Latin (2,2)
23 Victory
25 He has __ __ : "He is likely to be in trouble"? (3,2)
27 Refusing to grant
31 Local man's name - "Tula" anagram?
32 Assistance
33 Author Hubbard (1,3)
34 Stalemate
36 Farm animals
37 Equipment carried by a soldier
38 Helsinki chap
39 No objection certificate, acronym
42 Norwegian composer
44 Suffix with "cash" or "sold"
47 Considering everything (3,2,3)
49 Bollywood's ___ Agnihotri
50 Fusses
51 A varying measure of length
52 Break in half
53 After deductions
54 Beast of burden
55 Ex-Tennis champ Arthur ___

DOWN

1 A ___ cat : a person who imitates another?
2 Popular fertilizer
3 Gave support to (6,2)
4 Ques. companion
5 Agave fiber
6 Shantytown
7 Nudged or jostled, in a way
8 Ex-Chinese Chairman ?
9 Coffin stand
10 "A" in A.D. ?
11 ___ the course : endure struggle, etc. to the end?
17 Nabokov novel
19 Caste of people from north western India
22 Lokmanya ____ : famous patriot?
24 Synthetic fibre
25 Helicopter Assoc. International
26 Automated Teller Mach.
27 Expire or pass away
28 Tehran natives
29 ___ right : wrong?
30 Global Navigation Sys.
32 Greek goddess of innocence - "RA at sea" anagram?
35 Put your name down as an indication
36 Concert
38 Topples or cuts down trees
39 Indian leavened bread
40 Ye ___ Shoppe
41 Coagulate
43 Misfortunes
45 UP town
46 Mature, not green
48 Suffix with social or tour
49 Natal or Jo'burg locale

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	A	P	P	■	A	D	O	■	S	T	A	R
A	V	E	R	■	L	U	V	■	T	R	I	O
C	A	R	A	P	A	C	E	■	A	I	D	A
■	■	■	I	O	N	■	R	H	Y	M	E	D
T	O	A	S	T	■	T	H	O	S	E	■	■
O	N	M	E	■	L	O	U	D	■	S	P	A
G	Y	P	■	Y	A	W	N	S	■	T	O	T
A	X	L	■	S	W	I	G	■	R	E	S	T
■	■	I	N	E	R	T	■	S	I	R	E	N
B	E	F	O	R	E	■	O	F	F	■	■	■
O	M	I	T	■	N	O	V	E	L	I	S	T
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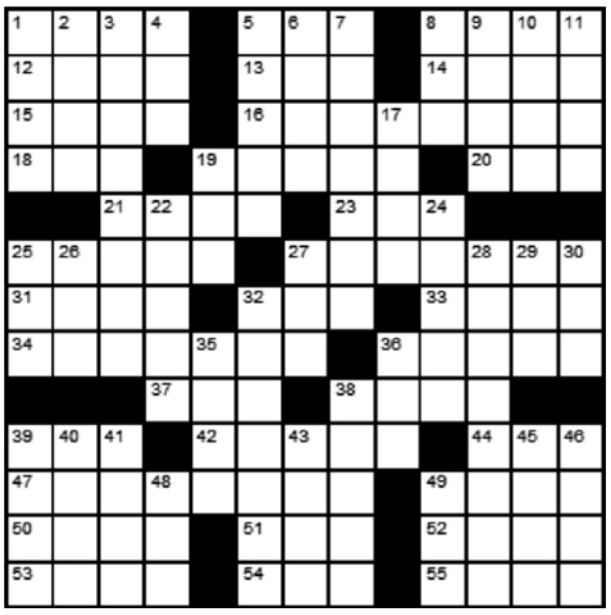

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MOGDTNKIH YMN DGDT ADDR WZRNKODTDO

IYD NIMID KR CYKWY M XMR XZNI DMNKFH

ADWZXDN MWEVMKRIDO CKIY YKXNDFL.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Creativity is the power to connect the seemingly unconnected.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** **Ph: 2520494**
  Police Complaint (K) - 2 Shows; *Mango Pachcha (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Peddi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Peddi (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  Peddi (K) - 3 Shows; *Peddi (Te)* - 1 Show
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  KD (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Blast (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Lo Naveena (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Parimala and Co (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Haunted Echoes of the Past (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Uttara (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am
Haunted Echoes of the Past (H-3D)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Double Occupancy (Ta)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	(S-1)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Backrooms (E)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 10 pm
Peddi (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Peddi (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	(S-2)	4.40 pm; (S-3) 1.20 pm
Police Complaint (Te)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Mruthyudevate (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Disclosure Day (E)	(S-3)	7 pm, 10.05 pm; (S-4) 3.40 pm
Obsession (E)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 1.15 pm, 10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Abhyanjana (K)	:	1 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.15 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	1.15 pm, 5.45 pm
Peddi (K)	:	4.10 pm, 7.45 pm
Haunted Echoes of the Past (H-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 9 pm
Uttara (K)	:	3.55 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	6.15 pm
Double Occupancy (Ta)	:	9.05 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	9.50 am, 3.35 pm, 10.25 pm
Backrooms (E)	:	10 am, 3.15 pm, 7.55 pm
Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata (H)	:	10 am, 12.30 pm
Obsession (E)	:	10 am, 12.20 pm, 2.45 pm
		5.10 pm, 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Peddi (H)	:	10.45 am, 5.55 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Disclosure Day (E)	:	12.45 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Double Occupancy (Ta)	:	12.45 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	2.30 pm, 9.40 pm
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Busan (Korean)	:	3.15 pm, 7 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	:	5.45 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	6.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Obsession (E)	:	10.25 am, 12.50 pm, 3.15 pm
		5.40 pm, 8.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata (H)	:	10.30 am, 7.15 pm
Haunted Echoes of the Past (H)	:	11 am
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	11.30 am, 10.10 pm
Disclosure Day (E)	:	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 10 pm
Governor (H)	:	1.55 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	2.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Peddi (K)	:	6.35 pm
Kshameyirali Thande (K)	:	4.35 pm
Police Complaint (Te)	:	7 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 14)

- **Sahaja Samrudha, Karnataka Biodiversity Board and Sahaja Seeds:** 'Desi Beejotsava' (Indigenous Seed Festival), Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Style Bazaar Exhibition:** Festive Summer Edit featuring designer wear, jewellery, accessories, home decor, footwear, decor and much more, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Kalamandira:** India's first comedy mega magic and illusion show by Kumbh Nagari Prayagraj's world-famous magician Diamond Star Hemraj, Kalamandira, **(3 shows) 3 pm, 5.15 pm and 7.30 pm.** [Mob: 92419-81972]
- **Art of Living, Mysuru:** 45th anniversary of Art of Living institution and 70th birthday celebrations of Sri Ravishankar Gurudev, presentation of 'Teremareya Sadhaka' award to noted doctor from K.R. Pet Dr. R.T. Venkatesh and journalist from Madikeri Ajjamada Ramesh Kuttappa; *Satsanga* by Art of Living troupe; Mysore University VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath chief guest, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and Deva Ratna Foundation Founder M. Shivaprasad guests, Sri Koushika Swamiji and Sri Divyapada Swamiji will deliver talks, Art of Living Ashram, Mysuru, **5 pm.**
- **Surabhi Ganakalamandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 'Yuva Sourabha' series, Classical thematic vocal concert by Vid. H.S. Karthikeya Sharma on 'Devi Krithis of Thyagaraja,' accompanied by Vid. Karthikeya Hosahalli on violin, Vid. Pawan Madhav Masur on mridanga and Vid. Karthik Pranav on morching; Dr. Rama V. Bennur (Literary Scholar, Music Critic, great granddaughter of Veene Seshanna) and Dr. S. Ramaprasad (Literary Scholar and Music Connoisseur) chief guests, BSS Vidyodaya premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam:** Adhika Masa, Vishnu Sahasranama Patana, Discourse on 'Sri Krishna' by G.C. Puttaswamy, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**
- **Mahathi School of Music, Ramakrishnanagar:** 60th year Shashti Poorthi of Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi, Founder and revered Guru of Mahathi School of Music, soulful musical tribute by Vid. Vinay Sharma, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Bidiru Theatre, Mysuru:** Staging of folk play 'Mahamayi,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Agni mattu Male,' written by Girish Karnad, directed by Saliyana Umesh Narayana, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Ashtanga Yoga Vijnana Mandiram:** Discourse on 'Kavya Ratna Abhijnana Shakuntala' by Dr. K.L. Shankaranarayana Jois, #957, Seshadri Iyer Road, Lakshmipuram, **6.45 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 15)

- **Vidyavardhaka First Grade College:** Induction Programme for 1st Year Degree students and felicitation to achievers, Swami Sarvajayanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, inaugurates, UPSC 2025 AIR 53 Kiran Kamate chief guest, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, VVS Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath and Hon. Treasurer Shrishaila Ramannavar and Vidyavardhaka First Grade College CMC Chairman Dr. K.C. Tejas Baba guests of honour, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **10 am.**
- **Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam:** Adhika Masa, Vishnu Sahasranama Patana, Discourse on 'Sri Krishna' by G.C. Puttaswamy, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Peddi (Te)	:	9.45 am, 10.20 pm,
Peddi (K)	:	10.35 am, 2.20 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Obsession (E)	:	10 am, 12.20 pm, 2.45 pm
		5.10 pm, 7.35 pm, 10 pm
Disclosure Day (E)	:	10.20 am, 1.25 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Bharat Bhhagya Viddhaata (H)	:	1.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	4.05 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Disclosure Day (E)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Double Occupancy (Ta)	:	11 am
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	11.15 am, 10.10 pm
Maddane (K)	:	11.45 am
Mruthyudevate (K)	:	1.45 pm
Peddi (K)	:	2.40 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	6.25 pm
Obsession (E)	:	2.45 pm, 4.15 pm, 8.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Uttara (K)	:	4.50 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	5.10 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	7.20 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Lateral entry for Diploma

Mysuru, June 14- Government CPC Polytechnic has invited offline applications from eligible students for lateral entry admission to second year Diploma course in Automobile Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Electricals & Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Machine Tool Technology for the year 2026-27.

Also, direct admission will be made for vacant seats in first year Diploma in non-Engineering courses — Diploma in Commercial Practise (Kannada) and Diploma in Commercial Practise (English). Interested students can apply to CPC Polytechnic before June 20, according to a press release from the Government CPC Polytechnic Principal. For more details, long on to the website: ***https://dtek.karnataka.gov.in/*** OR ***https://dtetech.karnataka.gov.in/***

Yi Parliament Chapter Round

Mysuru, June 14 (BLU&BS)- The Mysuru Chapter of Young Indians (Yi), an initiative of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), has organised 'Young Indian Parliament - Chapter Round' event for school and college students on June 26 and 27 at The Quorum Hotel on Hunsur Road in city.

Yi Mysuru Chapter Chair Priyanka Sridhar told media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, the programme has been organised to develop leadership qualities, democratic values and thinking towards national development among the students. The students will be given opportunity to share their opinions, besides initiating discussion on the functioning of the Parliament and current affairs.

The students of Class 10, 11 and 12 in city can participate in the event. The participants will be provided food and study materials. The winners will be given prizes and certificates, she added.

Yi Mysuru Chapter office-bearers Charan, Sukrutha, Amruth and Maria Andrews were present at the press meet.

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IN THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH, Corporate Bhawan, 12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560001, Karnataka.
IA(IBC)/185(BEN)/2026 AND IA(IBC)/524(BEN)/2026
IN
C.P. (IB) No.71/BB/2024
IN THE MATTER OF LABLAND BIOTECHS PRIVATE LIMITED

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mrs. RAMELA RANGASAMY, Resolution Professional ... Applicant

Vs.

1. Ms. SAPNA SHETTY, Managing Director (Suspended), 307, Third Floor, Brigade residency, VV Mohalla, Gokulam Main Road, Mysore 570002.
2. Mr. SUDHEER APPAYA SHETTY, Director (Suspended), 101, First Floor, Brigade residency, VV Mohalla, Gokulam Main Road, Mysore 570002.
3. Ms. MEGHANA SRINIVASA BHAT, Additional Director (Suspended), D/o. Hoyge Gudda Parashurama Bhat Srinivasa Bhat, #24/3 Hebbal Main Road, Lokanayakanagara, Puneeth Complex, Metagalli Post, Mysuru 570016, Karnataka.

... Respondents

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION UNDER SECTION 7 OF IBC, 2016

M/s. Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council ... Petitioner

Vs.

Labland Biotechs Private Limited ... Respondent

Order of Hon'ble NCLT, Bengaluru delivered on: 08.06.2026

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

TAKE NOTICE that the above-mentioned Applications [IA(IBC)/185(BEN)/2026 and IA(IBC)/524(BEN)/2026 in C.P. (IB) No.71/BB/2024] has been filed against you by the Applicant mentioned above [Mrs. Ramela Rangasamy, Resolution Professional] before Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru.

Whereas, on 8th June 2026, Hon'ble NCLT, Bengaluru directed to serve notice to the Respondents to appear personally or through an Advocate / Authorized Representative before the Tribunal in connection with the abovesaid proceedings on 20/07/2026.

The Respondents are hereby notified to appear on 20/07/2026 at 10.30 AM before **NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH,** Corporate Bhawan, 12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560001, Karnataka, failing which the matter will be proceed in your absence and appropriate orders may be passed.

Issued under the Authority of Hon'ble NCLT, Bengaluru on this **10th day of Jun 2026.**

By Order of the Court,
Ramela Rangasamy
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